The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A contact positioning assembly for a cable comprising:

a plurality of contacts attached to conductors of an electrical cable, the conductors secured in radially outward facing U-shaped slots of a first spacer for positioning the conductors, the number of slots corresponding to the number of conductors so that each slot holds a single conductor;

wherein said first spacer is generally cylindrical-shaped with the slots equally spaced around its circumferences~~;~~ and wherein a base portion of the first spacer engages rings on the contacts to hold the contacts in a secure position to prevent the contacts from sliding; and

wherein the slots are sized smaller ~~then~~ than an outside diameter of the conductors so as to provide a frictional interference between the slots and conductors for securely holding the conductors in the slots.

2. (Original) The contact positioning assembly of claim 1, wherein:

there are four slots and four conductors.

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4. (Currently Amended) The contact positioning assembly of claim 3, wherein:

the slots are separated by walls, the walls extending above the slots and abutting a cable ferrule, the ferrule securing the first spacer between itself and the rings.

5. (Original) The contact positioning assembly of claim 3, further comprising:

a second spacer that slides over the contacts and is positioned adjacent the first spacer.

6. (Original) The contact positioning assembly of claim 3, wherein:

the first spacer is made of a dielectric material to provide electrical shielding.

7. (Currently Amended) A spacer for positioning conductors of an electrical cable comprising:

a generally cylindrical spacer having U-shaped slots equally spaced around the circumference of the spacer, the slots having openings facing radially outward and being dimensioned slightly smaller than the diameter of the conductors so as to provide frictional

interference to hold the conductors, and the slots being adapted to hold a single conductor~~,~~ wherein a base portion of the spacer is adapted to abut and secure contact rings, wherein the spacer is secured between the cable ferrule and the contact rings.

8. (Currently Amended) The spacer of claim ~~6~~ 7 wherein the spacer is made of a dielectric material.

9. (Currently Amended) The spacer of claim 7 wherein the slots are separated by walls that extend above the slots, a top portion of the walls being adapted to abut a cable ferrule. ~~and a base portion of the spacer adapted to abut contact rings, wherein the spacer is secured between the cable ferrule and contact rings.~~